

Appl. No. 10/643,169
Examiner: Le, Thao P, Art Unit 2818
In response to the Office Action dated March 17, 2004

Date: May 28, 2004
Attorney Docket No. 10112751

REMARKS

Applicant thanks the Examiner for Indication of allowable subject matter in claims 3, 4, 6, and 10-14, and for acknowledging Applicant's claim to foreign priority and receipt of the certified copy of the priority document. Responsive to the Office Action mailed on March 17, 2004 in the above-referenced application, Applicant respectfully requests amendment of the above-identified application in the manner identified above and that the patent be granted in view of the arguments presented. No new matter has been added by this amendment.

Present Status of Application

Claims 1-14 are pending. Claim 1 stands rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the applicant regards as the invention. Claims 1, 2, 5, and 7-9 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Applicant Admitted Prior Art in view of Tsao (US Patent No. 6,551,875). Claims 3, 4, 6, and 10-14 are objected as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but are indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The specification is objected to for misspellings on page 8.

In this paper, claim 1 is amended according to the suggestion of the Examiner to overcome the 35 USC 112 rejection. In addition, claim 1 is amended to incorporate all of the limitations of claim 4. Claim 4 is canceled. The specification is amended according to the suggestions of the Examiner.

Reconsideration of this application as amended is respectfully requested in light of the amendments and the remarks contained below.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant thanks the Examiner for his indication in the Office Action that claims 3, 4, 6 and 10-14 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate all of the limitations of claim 4. For at least this reason, Applicant submits that claim 1 as amended is

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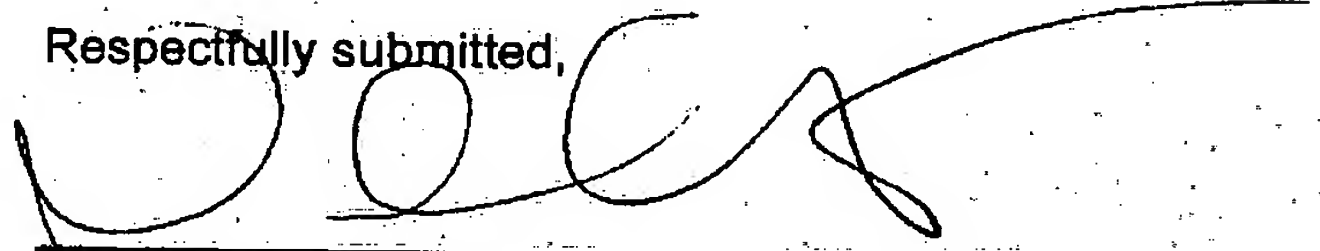
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allowable over the cited references. Insofar as claims 2-3 and 5-14 depend from claim 1, it is Applicant's belief that these claims are also allowable.

Conclusion

The Applicant believes that the application is now in condition for allowance and respectfully requests so. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 502447. In particular, if this response is not timely filed, then the commissioner is authorized to treat this response as including a petition to extend the time period pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) requesting an extension of time of the number of months necessary to make this response timely filed and the petition fee due in connection therewith may be charged to Deposit Account No. 502447.

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